

The Valley Voice

SUMMER WARMTH



Volunteers Marie Iwanski and Louise Rasette posing.

Things have been moving and grooving with lots of fun things happening here at Valley View Living Center. Everyone really enjoyed the Elvis Impersonator! Tyler Hunter is from Lincoln and entertained for our Volunteer Appreciation Banquet. There was lots of laughter, great food catered by Country Neighbor and nostalgic music that brought back some of the old times.

We honored Mothers with an afternoon tea social! Harriet Walker from Vancouver, Washington helped host and entertain for us. Storytelling, jokes and music was all part of the agenda.



Josie Absalon with her niece Marilyn Coleman at the Mother's Day Tea.

Our Nursing Home week was busy with different things going on each day. Horse races, birthday parties, lots of treats and a Hawaiian Day were some of the highlights. Games and contests were also part of the fun. The hula-hoop was brought back with many remembering when it was so popular.

A perfect day was picked for going to the

Calamus Lake. Jeff Breitkruetz, one of our physician assistants, showed everyone a great time. There was even a fish or two that actually got caught. A picnic lunch was provided by our kitchen staff. It was fantastic! Residents are ready to go again before it gets too hot.



Shad Simpson played guitar with Sharon Hanks for the residents.

We plan to honor the Fathers with some fun by having a men's breakfast this coming month. There is a fishing trip at Aubles Pond included, for those who like to try their luck.

We are in the planning stages for our annual picnic and barbecue that we have for residents, family and friends. It will be in the first part of July. You will be hearing more about it next month.

We are looking forward to the flowers growing and spending time on the patio. This is the time of year to enjoy the great outdoors! Have fun!

~Sharon Hanks, Activities

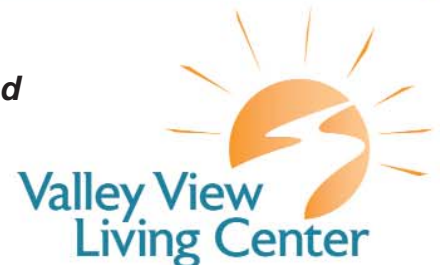
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Dad didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it."

~Clarence Budington Kelland





Brooke Rowse rocking out with Elvis



Bev O'Neel being serenaded by Elvis



Rose Pokorny and Elvis posing with their winning smiles.

ENJOY THE SUMMER SUN! SOCIAL SERVICE UPDATE:

As June arrives we see the beginning of summer. It usually starts feeling like summer a long time before the 21st, but that is when it arrives by the calendar! We also celebrate D Day and Flag Day in June and show our patriotism. On June 20th is Father's Day, so don't forget DAD!! Gift ideas might be a new electric razor, jigsaw puzzles, new clothes; a drive around the country or you can bring in or take him out for a meal. We have wonderful areas where you could sit and have a meal or even use the grill outside and grill a steak!

Just an update on how the laundry system is going. I have had only one issue with clothing that has been damaged. This was a t-shirt that had more of an iron on

decoration on the front (it wasn't silk screened). This did peel off the t-shirt. The biggest problem we have had is not having enough clothes for people to get through until their clothes return. This led me to calling a few people to get some brought to them. The laundry is picked up on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Resident's clean clothes are returned at those times. Residents will need up to 8 to 10 days worth of clothes to get through that time and possibly more if they have more trouble with incontinence. Don't forget we have a wonderful second hand store uptown that is run by the Auxiliary. It is called the Second Hand Rose and its proceeds go back into Valley County

Health Systems. They have a beautiful store and wonderful finds!!

The laundry department has been marking all of the clothing with our new marking system and I am having fewer clothes come to me unmarked. I still need to remind people to bring clothes to the charge nurse or myself to have them marked before they go through the laundry. Otherwise we have no idea who it belongs to when it returns from the laundry. If there are missing clothes, you must let me know so I can be watching for these items as well.

~Julie Rowse, S.S.D

Happy Birthday

ELDON HULINSKY,
JUNE 7, 2010

*Our Condolences to
the family of*

FLORENCE PITZER
ELDON LUKESH

UPCOMING JUNE 2010

Events

RESIDENTS BIRTHDAY PARTY.....	JUNE 8
BUS RIDE.....	JUNE 11
FLAG DAY.....	JUNE 14
TJ & THE TURNPIKES.....	JUNE 19
INTERNATIONAL PICNIC DAY.....	JUNE 18
FATHER'S DAY.....	JUNE 20
SUMMER BEGINS.....	JUNE 21
SANDHILLERS.....	JUNE 21
MIRA VALLEY LADIES.....	JUNE 28

ROADS OF LIFE

JOSIE ABSALON

BY JEN MCBRIDE

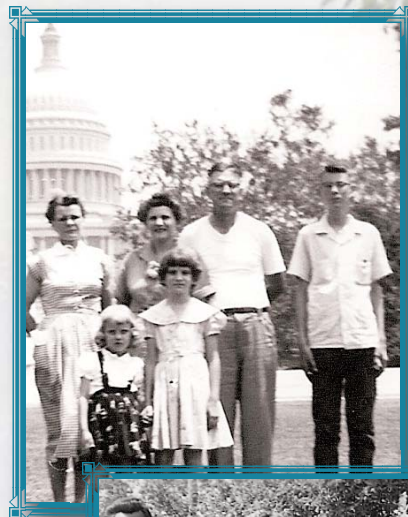
I visited with my mom the other day and she was getting her cinnamon rolls ready for the Senior Center in Burwell and I thought to myself, "I should go have a piece of pie." And that made me think of one of my friends here at Valley View Living Center, Josie Absalon, one of the best pie-makers there ever was.

Josie was born in Ord, NE on August 25, 1915 to Joseph "Joe" Sr. and Aloise Absalon. She grew up on a farm in rural Ord with her brothers Stan, Frank, Joe Jr., Beanie, Louie and her sisters Cecilia, Alice and Bessie. Josie had two brothers who were born in Europe but died as infants and another sister Frances who died in at a young age. She attended school until the 8th grade and then had to help work on the farm.

For many years of her life Josie enjoyed traveling with her family visiting different places around the country. She cooked for several restaurants in Ord often getting up at 2 a.m. to make pies, a favorite of many, until her retirement. She enjoyed friends and family and had a good sense of humor. Marilyn Coleman, her niece, recalls a time when Josie

received a helmet at one of their morning breakfast get-togethers. The joke behind the helmet was that Josie's neighbor across the street always teased her about taking a ride on his motorcycle so they got her a helmet for the "ride."

Josie is a kind woman with a cheerful heart here at the Valley View Living Center and has one of the best smiles you will ever see. That is worth a stop on your travels. (I wonder if she could make me a pie for the road?)



On the steps of the US Capital with brother Stan and his family.



Absalon family photo.

Back row brothers Beanie & Joe Jr. Father – Joe Sr. & brothers Stan & Frank, Front row sisters Cecelia (Blaha), Bessie (Faimon) mother Aloise, and Josie

Josie with her "helmet". Kerry Leggitt lived across the street from Josie. They always teased her about riding on his motorcycle and then one morning at breakfast they presented her with this helmet.



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Brian Burson bringing back the hula-hoop.

Last month we talked about Moms so it's only fair that this month we focus on Dads. Where would we be without them? The bulwark, the cornerstone, the foundation,...the hoarder of the remote. Fathers teach us many things as we grow up. We look back now and think how quickly the time flew by. We will celebrate Father's Day this month so please remember your Dads.

Our parking lot is progressing. It's taking a bit longer than planned, but isn't that the way with projects. We appreciate your patience and, believe me, it will be nice when it is done.

We are celebrating CNA Week June 10-17th. We are thankful for the wonderful staff of nursing assistants that we have. They do a great job every day taking care of our residents.

Have a great summer!

Sincerely,
Connie Fread
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Valley View Living Center



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